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Attention: Abhijit J. Bagde, Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans Division of
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Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Re: FY 2006/07 to 2011/12 Regional Transportation Improvement Program;
SCAG Amendment #8

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2006/07 to 2008/09 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Amendment #8, as requested by your letter of June 28, 2007. The FTIP amendment was adopted and found to conform by SCAG on June 7, 2007.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2006/07 – 2009/10 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007, Federal Register. We find that the SCAG's 2006 RTIP, through Amendment No. 8, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as amended by Section 6001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

FHWA and FTA made a joint conformity determination on the RTP through Amendment #3 and 2006 RTIP through Amendment #08 in a separate letter dated June 29, 2007.

The California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR



450.324(e), and that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan. The eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Michelle Noch of the Federal Highway Administration at (916) 498-5034 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

/s/ Steve Luxenberg

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Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Pisano:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program through Amendment #06-08 and SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan through Amendment #3

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) through Amendment #06-08 and 2004 Regional Transportation Plan through Amendment #3 (RTP). A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for amendments to the RTP and RTIP are required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On June 7, 2007, SCAG adopted the 2006 RTIP through amendment #06-08, the RTP through Amendment #3 and made the corresponding conformity determinations. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2006 RTIP as amended and 2004 RTP as amended conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2006 RTIP as amended and 2004 RTP as amended. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Ms. Jean Mazur, FHWA, at 916-498-5732.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steve Luxenberg

For
Gene K. Fong
Division Administrator

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